

Georgia Mountains Regional Commission

Youth Services Workforce Development

To achieve sustainable economic growth & individual self-sufficiency by developing, sustaining and promoting employment resources & opportunities for all job-seekers & employers through community partnerships.

"America's young people face record unemployment, and we need to do everything we can to make sure they've got the opportunity to earn the skills and a work ethic that come with a job. It's important for their future, and for America's. That's why I proposed a summer jobs program for youth in the American Jobs Act — a plan that Congress failed to pass. America's youth can't wait for Congress to act. This is an all-hands-on-deck moment. That's why today, we're launching Summer Jobs+, a joint initiative that challenges business leaders and communities to join my Administration in providing hundreds of thousands of summer jobs for America's youth"

— President Barack Obama

Helping you achieve your education goals

After School Tutoring programs help youth 14-21 throughout the school year to make sure they are staying on track. Youth participants must attend tutoring 4 hours per week and also participate in 2 hours weekly of club activities, service activities, or work readiness activities. If they complete these hours, they may receive a \$25 incentive each week. We have established tutoring programs in Franklin, Union, and Towns Counties which will begin in the first month of the new school year. The after-school program will be re-implemented in Habersham County as partnership with United Way who conducted the program in that county for 2011. Workforce Development will assist with transportation cost and the cost of a program coordinator. The program coordinator will handle paper work, case notes, etc. The transportation will be a bus and driver provided by the school system and the cost of insurance and gas will be funded by Workforce Development. The Target begin date for this program

is on or before September 1st. Workforce Development is in the process of implementing a new after school tutoring program in Dawson County for the upcoming school year to start by October 1st. Tutors and a program coordinator will be contracted by Georgia Mountains Regional Commission. A bus and driver will be provided by the school system and cost of gas and insurance will be covered by Workforce Development. Workforce Development is also partnering with the Bell Family YMCA to start an after school tutoring program in Hart County. Tutors will be contracted by Workforce Development. YMCA will provide transportation for students from school to the YMCA after school. The target date to begin this program is on or before September 1st. Participation in the tutoring program may lead to a summer work experience, and with approval from the Youth Supervisor, there may be an opportunity for year round work experience.



C.R.P. (Credit Recovery Program)

The C.R.P. assists youth who have failed courses necessary for graduation and desire to be in a credit recovery program so that they can attain their high school diploma. This year, Workforce Development will commute Franklin and Hart County participants to the Mountain Education Center in Stephens County, starting sometime in August or September. Workforce Development will give support and incentives to those eligible for WD funded services. Examples of support would be: transportation, meal reimbursements, and childcare.



Getting the most from your work experience

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work. ~Thomas Edison

Y.E.A.R. (Youth Employment Apprenticeship Resource)

In August, Workforce Development will partner with the Work Study program at the Banks County High School. We will assist with providing paid work experience and apprenticeships to youth eligible for WD funded

"Watch your thoughts, for they become words. Choose your words, for they become actions. Understand your actions, for they become habits. Study your habits, for they will become your character. Develop your character, for it becomes your destiny."

services. Y.E.A.R is already established in Hall and Franklin Counties, and the Hart County YMCA will be a Y.E.A.R site. Y.E.A.R allows youth who have successfully completed a Summer Work Experience or who are highly recommended by school coordinators the opportunity for a subsidized work experience throughout the year.

Highlights of July and August

- Youth Council Meeting: 8/2/2012 at Lakeview Center in Dawsonville

Upcoming Events

- Career Expo: 9/21/2012 at Currahee North Georgia Tech Campus

The Summer 2012 Work Experience had a 93% completion rate.

SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCE



Please feel free to contact the Workforce Development Youth Department. We are committed to serving our 13 counties and help youth reach their full potential.

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Previous Quarter Recap:

- In February, the WD Youth Council was formed and had its first meeting.
- Leap for Literacy was also in February. "Leapers" raised money to Leap in to Lake Louise, some dressed as their favorite book character. The money raised went towards Stephens Education Literacy Foundation and Stephens County Read at Home Program.
- In April, WD conducted 2 orientations in Dawsonville and Stephens Counties for the 2012 Summer Work Experience.
- In May, youth participants in the 2012 Summer Work Experience met with WD staff at 6 Wal-Marts (in Dawsonville, Gainesville, Oakwood, Blairsville, Hartwell, and Toccoa) and were given a \$120 gift card to purchase clothing for their upcoming summer jobs.

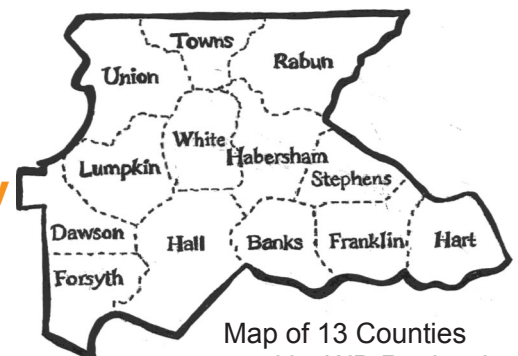


Leap for Literacy



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Map of 13 Counties served by WD Region 2